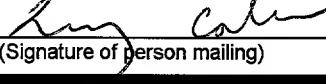


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REQUEST FOR FILE WRAPPER CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.62

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing File Wrapper Continuing Application under 37 CFR §1.62, of pending prior application serial no. 08/537,736, filed on January 29, 1996, entitled RANDOM CHEMISTRY FOR THE GENERATION OF NEW COMPOUNDS by the following inventors at the following addresses Stuart A. Kauffman, Route 4, Tano Road, P.O. Box 250-D, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 and Julius Rebek, Jr., 100 Memorial Drive, Apt. 5-3A, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142.

1. The above identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

2. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and 1.27 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR § 1.28(a)).

3. Amend the specification by inserting in the first line, after the phrase "application is a" the phrase: -- continuation of application serial no. 08/537,736, filed January 29, 1996, which was in turn a --.

4. Priority of application serial no. PCT/US94/04314 filed on April 19, 1994 in the PCT is claimed under 35 USC § 119, which PCT application was filed as a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/049,268 filed on April 19, 1993.

5. The prior application is assigned of record to Stuart A. Kauffman.

6. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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7. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

8. Address all future communications to BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE, P.O. Box 10395, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

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